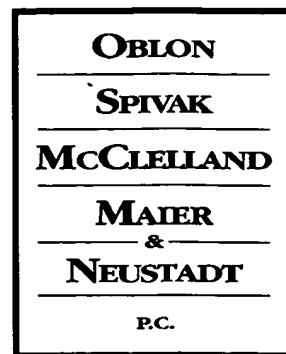




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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Re: Inventor: Mikio YAMAMURO
Serial No: 09/976,156
Filed: October 15, 2001
For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND INFORMATION REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND
METHOD

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Cover Letter For Resending Correspondence/Notice to File Missing Parts
Filing of Declaration/Declaration
Request to Reset Date of Notice to File Missing Parts Based on Failure to Receive The Notice to File Missing
Parts of Nonprovisional Application
Mail Log Computer Print Out (November 13, 2001, through November 27, 2001)/Copy of our Fax Status Request
of March 12, 2002

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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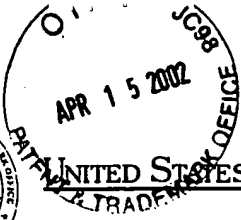
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: GROUP ART UNIT: N/A

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TITLE: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND
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**REQUEST TO RESET DATE OF NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence dated April 3, 2002, Applicant, through counsel of record, respectfully requests that the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts for the above-identified Application be reset due to the fact that the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2001 was not received by Applicant's Attorney. The facts concerning this matter are as follows.

Upon receipt of mail from the Patent and Trademark Office in this firm, all mail is opened and logged in a daily computer log. The mailing date is entered in the firm computer docketing system. At the time of entry into the computer, the serial numbers are checked to ensure that the correct docket number appears on the mail so that the documents are entered in the correct application in the computer and matched with the correct application file. Any due dates resulting from the Patent and Trademark Office mail are also entered in the computer.

After receiving the Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence for the current Application, our computer system was checked. The computer Patent Due Dates section for the subject application did not show a current due date for the Declaration, nor did The Patent Office computerized Mail Log show receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts (see attached computer printout). Mail from the Patent Office is generally received by our firm within two or three days of mailing. However, to ensure a complete check, the daily log was checked from November 13, 2001, through November 27, 2001 and found to contain no record of having received the Notice to File Missing Parts for the above-identified application. All mail received from the Patent and Trademark Office is logged in the mail log by serial number or patent number, along with a description of the mail received, on a daily basis.

The application file was then pulled and the full contents of the file were reviewed. The application file contained no Notice to File Missing Parts. Furthermore, due to non-receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts, applicant's Attorney faxed a status request to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 12, 2002. The Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence appears to have been mailed in response to this status request.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove the nonreceipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Accordingly, it is requested that the mailing date the Notice to File Missing Parts be reset for April 3, 2002, the date the Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence was mailed in the present application.

Since the Notice to File Missing Parts was not received until April 3, 2002, and therefore the mailing date of the Notice should be reset, Applicant believes that no extension fees are due. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office determines otherwise, please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated November 13, 2001, and resent April 3, 2002, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the application serial number and filing date contained in this cover letter, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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